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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2012-M-11 

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: February 01, 2012

Date of Death: February 02, 2012

Operator: Linwood Mining and
Minerals Corporation

Mine: Linwood Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 40 year old quarry mechanic, inspected the stacker belt and then walked to the primary crusher shack. Co-workers observed that he was not well and encouraged him to sit down. [REDACTED] stated that he was going to the break room. Shortly thereafter, he called for help over the radio. He was found lying down in the front seat of his truck and he complained of chest and arm pain. Emergency medical response personnel were summoned. He was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he died the next day.

The certificate of death indicated that the manner of death was natural. The immediate cause of death was listed as cardiogenic shock secondary to an acute myocardial infarction. Contributory causes included atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease. An autopsy was not performed.

Based on the death certificate and the results of the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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